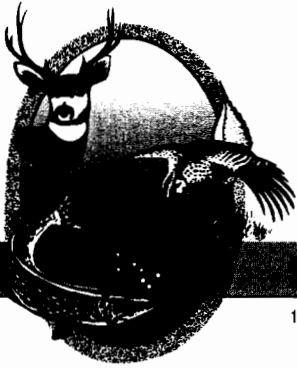


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April 12, 2005

Janie Sheng  
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Dear Ms. Sheng:

RE: Dakota, Missouri Valley & Western Railroad, Inc. - Abandonment Exemption  
Burleigh and Emmons County, North Dakota  
Docket No. AB-933X

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department has reviewed this project for wildlife concerns. We do not believe the abandonment will have any significant adverse effects on wildlife or wildlife habitat, including endangered species, based on the information provided.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael G. McKenna". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "M" at the beginning.

Michael G. McKenna  
Chief  
Conservation & Communication Division

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cc: STB Section of Environmental Analysis